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**Special Meeting of the New Jersey Brownfields Redevelopment Task Force  
Meeting Summary  
Monday, June 2, 2003  
101 South Broad Street  
Office of Smart Growth – 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Library  
Trenton, NJ 08625**

## **Welcoming Remarks**

Chairman Toft welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **Call to order**

The Special meeting of the New Jersey Brownfields Redevelopment Task Force was called to order by Dennis Toft, Chairman at 9:08 am.

## **Open Public Meetings Act**

At the request of Chairman Toft, Phyllis Bross announced that the New Jersey Brownfields Redevelopment Task Force meeting was noticed in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act.

Ms. Bross noted that one of the responsibilities of the NJ Brownfields Redevelopment Task Force is to make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature on means to better promote redevelopment of brownfields. Pending Bill S2459 promotes brownfields redevelopment through financial assistance for site remediation. On May 27, 2003, the Policy & Legislative Committee of the NJ Brownfields Redevelopment Task Force held a public meeting at which Bill S2459 was discussed and a summary of its provisions was distributed. It was decided that the entire brownfields Task Force would receive a copy of that summary and would be directed to a copy of the legislation for further review in order to discuss that Bill at a Special Task Force meeting on June 2, 2003.

Section III of the By-Laws of the NJ Brownfields Task Force, adopted February 25, 2003, authorizes special meetings. On May 28, 2003, the Brownfields Task Force issued a notification to the Public per the Open Public Meetings Act, of the June 2, 2003 Special meeting of the NJ Brownfields Redevelopment Task Force, including time and location of meeting and at that time the public was advised that the Task Force would be considering a recommendation from its Policy & Legislation Committee to adopt a resolution generally supporting Bill S2459. She noted that a quorum of this meeting via telephone conference call was met and that business may be conducted as such.

## **Roll Call**

The roll was called and the attendance was noted for the record.

## **Members Present**

William Best, New Jersey Redevelopment Authority

Richard Gimello, NJ Department of Transportation

Leah C. Healy, Public Member

Frances Hoffman, Office of Smart Growth, NJ Department of Community Affairs

George Kelley, Public Member

William T. Mullen, Public Member

Judith Shaw, Designee for Site Remediation, NJ Department of Environmental Protection  
James Simmons, NJ Commerce & Economic Growth Commission  
Dennis Toft, Chairman - Public Member  
Lucy Voorhoeve, NJ Economic Development Authority

**Not Present**

Sally Dudley, Public Member  
Yuki Laurenti, Public Member  
Evan Van Hook, Site Remediation, NJ Department of Environmental Protection

**Others Present**

Sheila Bogda, Office of Smart Growth, Department of Community Affairs  
Phyllis E. Bross, Counsel to the Brownfields Redevelopment Task Force  
Bob Marshall, Office of the Governor

**Task Force Business**

At the Chairman's request, Bob Marshall provided an update on the schedule of Bill S2459. The following were noted:

- Assembly Environmental and Solid Waster Committee is scheduled to review Bill on Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2003
- Senate Environmental Committee is tentatively scheduled to review the Bill on June 12<sup>th</sup>

Lucy Voorhoeve summarized the provisions of Bill S2459. A discussion among the Members of the Task Force ensued regarding specific sections of the legislation.

The Task Force members recommended that the New Jersey Redevelopment Authority and County Improvement Authorities become eligible entities to apply for financial assistance and grants. In addition, the Task Force authorized the Chairman, or his designee to testify before the Legislature concerning Bill S2459 and any proposed changes.

**Task Force Member Comments**

A concern was raised regarding the definition of Brownfields. Chairman Toft acknowledged the concern and suggested that this issue be discussed in depth at a later meeting of the Task Force.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00am.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances E. Hoffman  
Secretary, NJ Brownfields Redevelopment Task Force

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